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A.—(*a*) The High School was started in July 1917.

(*b*) Rs. 35,217.

(*c*) The total subsidy paid towards the maintenance of the school from 1917–18 to 1927–28 was Rs. 4,727.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government pay any proportion of the losses incurred by the municipality ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no question of proportion."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know on what principle the subsidy is paid ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The amount of subsidy was settled on a three-year basis and on that basis it is being paid."

Teaching of horticulture in Government and local board schools.

* 1117 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether horticulture is taught in any of the schools under the management of the Government and local bodies ;

(*b*) if so, in which of the schools ; and

(*c*) if the information is not available whether the Government will call for the same ?

A.—So far as the Government are aware horticulture is taught as a subject of manual training in the Government Training School for masters, Mangalore and in the Municipal High School, Ootacamund. It is also understood that some secondary schools have gardens which are used in connexion with the teaching of elementary science.

Agricultural instruction in elementary and secondary schools.

* 1118 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out detailed proposals for the teaching of elementary agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools has now been received ;

(*b*) whether the same will be placed on the Council table ; and

(*c*) what action, if any, the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The report of the Committee has not yet been received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister, when the report was called for ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Which report ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" The report referred to in the answer."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Which clause of the answer ? "